

Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB)

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Basic Skills Testing Information (WEST-B)

WEST-B (Washington Educator Skills Test-Basic)

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The statewide uniform means of assessing the basic skills competency of reading, mathematics and writing of all teacher candidates and out-of-state applicants for a Washington residency certificate.

WAC 181-01-001 WEST-B Exemption (Extension). Individuals applying for a Washington State residency teaching certificate who have completed a teacher preparation program in another state or country have up to one calendar year from issuance of temporary permit to pass the WEST-B basic skills test, provided that they have completed all other requirements for residency certification other than passage of the WEST-B and are thus eligible for a temporary permit under WAC [180-79A-128](#).

WAC 181-01-002 WEST-B Exemptions. Individuals from out of state applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate under WAC 180-79A-257 (1)(b), or individuals applying to masters-degree level teacher preparation programs residing outside of the state of Washington at time of application, in lieu of passing the WEST-B, may provide official documentation of scores on the Praxis I of 177 for the reading subtest, 176 for the mathematics subtest and 174 for the writing subtest, or scores on the Praxis I CBT computer-administered test of 325 for the reading subtest, 321 for the mathematics subtest, and 321 for the writing subtest, or passing scores from California or Oregon on the CBEST.

Test	Subtest	Passing Score	Test Fee
WEST-B http://www.west.nesinc.com	Reading	240	Registration fee is \$30. Each subtest fee is \$17.
	Mathematics	240	
	Writing	240	

Test	Subtest	Passing Score	Test Fee
Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) http://www.ets.org/praxis	Reading	177	Registration fee is \$40. Each subtest is \$30.
	Mathematics	174	
	Writing	176	

Test	Subtest	Passing Score	Test Fee
Praxis I: Computerized Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) http://www.ets.org/praxis	Reading	325	Registration fee is \$40 Subtests fees are: 1-\$85 2-\$110 3-\$135
	Mathematics	321	
	Writing	321	

Test	Subtest	Minimum Score	Test Fee
California Basic Skills Test (CBEST) http://www.cbest.nesinc.com	Reading	37	\$41
	Mathematics	37	
	Writing	37	
	Composite Score	123	

WAC 181-01-004 Appeals Process. The Washington professional educator standards board may permit exceptions from the assessment requirements under RCW 28A.410.220 (1) and (2) on a case-by-case basis. Consistent with the discretion accorded to the professional educator standards board in RCW 28A. 410.220 (3), the exemptions and extensions provided for in WAC 181-01-001 through 181-01-003, shall be the sole exceptions to the WEST-B and WEST-E assessment requirements.

Endorsement Testing Information (WEST-E/Praxis II)

WEST-E/PRAXIS II (Washington Educator Skills Test-Endorsements)

Educational Testing Service (ETS)

ETS-The Praxis Series

P. O. BOX 6051

Princeton, NJ 08541-6051

Telephone: 800-772-9476

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The statewide uniform means of assessing the subject area content knowledge for thirty-two out of Washington's thirty-three endorsements.

WAC 181-01-003 WEST-E Time Extension. Individuals applying for a Washington State residency or professional teaching certificate based on WAC 180-79A-257 and possessing at least 3 years state certified teaching experience have up to one calendar year from issuance of the temporary permit to pass the WEST-E subject knowledge test, provided they are eligible for a temporary permit under WAC 180-79A-128.

Licensure Area	Session/Test Code	Test Name	Qualifying Score	Test Length (Hours)	Test Fee
Agricultural Education	10700	Agriculture	520	2	\$75
Biology	20235	Biology: Content Knowledge	152	2	\$75
Bilingual	20360	English to Speakers of Other Languages	580	2	\$75
In addition to the Praxis II exam listed above, language proficiency will be assessed and verified via completion of a state approved teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university.					
Business Education	10100	Business Education	560	2	\$75
Chemistry	20245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	152	2	\$75
Dance	No Praxis II exam available.	The endorsement competencies will be assessed and verified via completion of a state approved teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university.			
Designated World Language: French	20173	French: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	158	2	\$75
Designated World Language: German	20181	German: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	160	2	\$75
Designated World Language: Spanish	10191	Spanish: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	160	2	\$75
Other Designated World Languages: Chinese, Japanese, Latin, Norwegian, Russian, Swedish	No Praxis II exam available.	The endorsement competencies and language proficiency will be assessed and verified via completion of a state approved teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university or pass an ACTFL exam to be certified as language proficient.			
Drama	10640	Theatre	560	2	\$75

Licensure Area	Session/Test Code	Test Name	Qualifying Score	Test Length (Hours)	Test Fee
Early Childhood Education	20021	Education of Young Children	170	2	\$80
Early Childhood Special Education	10690	Special Education: Preschool/Early Childhood	550	2	\$75
Earth Science	20571	Earth Science: Content Knowledge	150	2	\$75
Elementary Education	10014	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	141	2	\$75
English Language Arts	10041	English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge	158	2	\$75
English as a Second Language	20360	English to Speakers of Other Languages	580	2	\$75
Family and Consumer Sciences	10120	Family and Consumer Sciences	500	2	\$75
Health & Fitness	20856	Health & Physical Education: Content Knowledge	149	2	\$75
History	10081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	157	2	\$75
Library Media	10310	Library Media Specialist	600	2	\$75
Marketing	10560	Marketing Education	640	2	\$75
Mathematics	10061	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	134	2	\$75
Middle Level Humanities	10049	Middle School English Language Arts	158	2	\$85

Licensure Area	Session/Test Code	Test Name	Qualifying Score	Test Length (Hours)	Test Fee
	20089	Middle School Social Studies	157	2	\$85
Middle Level Math/Science	10439	Middle School Science	145	2	\$85
	20069	Middle School Mathematics	152	2	\$85
Music General	10113	Music: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	150	2	\$75
Music Choral	10113	Music: Content Knowledge	150	2	\$75
Music Instrumental	10113	Music: Content Knowledge	150	2	\$75
Physics	10265	Physics: Content Knowledge	140	2	\$75
Reading/Literacy	20300	Reading Specialist	540	2	\$75
Science	10435	General Science: Content Knowledge	153	2	\$75
Social Studies	10081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	157	2	\$75
Special Education	20353	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge	152	1	\$60
Technology Education	10050	Technology Education	590	2	\$75
Traffic Safety	10867	Driver Education	150	2	\$75
Visual Arts	10133	Art: Content Knowledge	155	2	\$75